GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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MODERNISATION OF AMMUNITION DEPOTS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to modernise the ammunition depots in view of frequent fire incidents;

(b) if so, the names of the depots proposed for modernisation;

(c) the expenditure likely to be incurred on each depot;

(d) whether the Government has decided to set up two new ammunition depots; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): Between 1950 and 1999 a total sum of Rs. 129 crores was provided for modernisation of ammunition depots. However, in order to meet the shortage of accommodation in the ammunition depots for storage of ammunition, projects of a value of Rs. 830 crores involving all ammunition depots have now been approved during the last 4 years. Expenditure on different ammunition depots will be made based on the projections of work provided by them.

(d) & (e): In order to decongest the existing ammunition depots and to cater for the ammunition which would accrue in the ensuing future, there is a proposal for the construction of some more ammunition depots which would use the latest technology. The decision regarding number and their location has not yet been finalised.